Produced by NIHON UNIVERSITY SAKORAGAOKA HIGH SCHOOL, GEIC



## Our areas NEWS

STUDENT EDITION, SEPTEMBER 2023

# Kyoudo's road



This is a Kyoudo Station/Photo by Hitomi Nakajima

**K**yodo is located in Setagaya Ward, Tokyo, Japan. This town is full of local traditions. The Odakyu Line opened in 1927, and the name "Kyodo" is said to have originated from a hall enshrining "sutras" in the residence of Matsubara Tosamori Neemon, a Muromachi Period Chinese medicine doctor, or from the fact that this hall was a Kyoto-style building ("Fukushoji" Temple), which is why it was called "Kyodo," which was then changed to "Kyodo. As related to the origin of the name, there are also historic buildings such as Setagaya Hachimangu Shrine and Fukushoji Temple in the Kyodo neighborhood,

In the past, the area was the site of sumo tournaments and other

lively events. During the period of high economic growth in the modern era, a building was called. "Kyodo" Store was constructed at Kyodo Station, and around 1970, the "condominium boom" arrived, and Kyodo became one of them. The railroad was opened around this time, and since then, 19,468 people have lived in Kyodo. Famous people have also lived in Kyodo, such as comedian Kanashizuki and Mr. Sakurai of the band Miss Tiru. Thus, in addition to its history, Kyodo was a wonderful town that developed along with the rapid economic growth of Japan. Kyodo Suzuran Shopping Street, which stretches from Kyodo Station on the Odakyu Odawara Line and the north exit, is a shopping street with a homey

atmosphere. In fact, this shopping street has a long history of 92 years. As a result, there are few chain stores. Old-fashioned individual stores loved by local residents still remain, thanks to the efforts of the second and third generations. In the "Suzuran Shopping Street" where



there are many energetic

individual stores, you will be greeted with lively voices such as, "This is delicious today. and so on in a lively manner. Why not stop by and feel the warmth of the shopping district?

By Mizuki Endo,
Gaiya Ota,
Hibiki Kawahito,
Koyori Kurihara,
Ririka Shidara,
Ami Suzuki,
Hitomi Nakazima,
Haruto Nisi,
Yo Matuda,
Jiei Mano

## History of Kamikitazawa

Kamikitazawa is located in Setagaya Ward in the center of Tokyo, Japan. Kamikitazawa is characterized by convenient transportation (15 minutes to Shinjuku), a safe neighborhood with many families, and a supermarket conveniently located in front of the station.

However, where there are good points, there are also bad points. For example, there are few restaurants, the Koshu-kaido highway is close by and cars are

noisy, and even though it is close to the center of Tokyo, only the local train stops at each station. Another unique feature of Kamikitazawa is the cherry blossom festival, which takes place every year under the cherry blossoms of Somei Yoshino cherry trees along Ribbon Street, which has been selected as one of the 100 best cherry tree-lined streets in Japan. Also, we must not forget Shogun Pond Park. This park was created by the residents of a hospital, and has a large pond, ducks, ducks, and

cherry blossoms in the cold. Some of the people who were born and raised in Kamikitazawa include celebrities such as Eiji Wentz and Sadawo Abe. In this way, Kamikitazawa is a comfortable place to live, for better or worse!



This is a Kamikitazawa Station/ Photo by Hitomi Nakajima

By Kaiti Itagaki, Genki Uchida, Masanosuke Kawakami, Sota Kosugi, Aruku Wada

### Our high school town

The name "Sakurajosui" is derived from the name of the station. Sakurajosui Station was renamed from Kitazawa Shakomae Station to Keio Shakomae Station, which was further renamed to Sakurajosui Station, the current station name. The name of the station comes from the cherry blossoms on the banks of Tamagawa-josui. Since the station was established in the

Showa period, it has a short history and has no shrine. Next, I would like to talk about the history of Sakurajosui. Originally, the area around Sakurajosui was a large area including parts of Tokyo and Kanagawa called Ebara-gun, but after the Edo shogunate was established, Ebaragun was not recognized, and the area was divided into several

cities and wards, and it became the present Sakurajosui. Finally, Sakurajosui already has many attractions, but it is also a place that can be developed in the future because of its short history.



This is our school/ Photo by Hitomi Nakajima

By Yuma Kobayashi, Koki Saito, Yota Sako, Iria Suwa, Rento Serikawa, Ayano Takeshita

### Erumor Karasuyama

The shopping street in Chitose Karasuyama has the slogan "a livable town that connects with people" to enliven Chitose Karasuyama.

We would like to introduce "Erumor Karasuyama," a shopping street in front of Karasuyama Station.

Erumor Karasuyama means "a walkway in your life. This slogan expresses the hope that people will enjoy shopping with a relaxed feeling as if they were walking slowly along a walkway in the greenery.

Let me introduce some of the activities that Ermor Karasuyama is carrying out under this slogan.

The first is the stamp business. In Chitose Karasuyama, the number of stamp stores has increased and the number of stamps issued has increased, which has revitalized the business. can stamps exchanged for movie tickets, travel vouchers, and ryokan (Japanesestyle inn) accommodation vouchers at a discount.

The second is events.

In addition, barrier-free design, such as widening the narrow sidewalks, has made Chitose Karasuyama more accessible to people with physical disabilities.

In this way, Chitose Karasuyama is becoming a more comfortable place to live year by year.



By Yusaki Sato, Mikina Shigeno, Yuna Tubokawa, Shunka Dohi, Mei Naiki

This is a Chitosekarasuyama shopping street/ Photo by Hitomi Nakajima

## Hachimanyama town's problem



This is a Hachimanyama Station/ Photo by Hitomi Nakajima

Hachimanyama is conveniently located only 18 minutes to Shibuya and 16 minutes to Shinjuku. A trivia about Hachimanyama is that Jintan of Sky Peace graduated from Daito Gakuen in the Hachimanyama neighborhood.

It was named Hachimanyama Village after the "Hachiman Shrine" built on the plateau in the past. In the medieval period, it was called "Kajiyama", and in the Edo period (1603-1867), the area was under direct control of the

government, and during the Keian period (1615-1868), this area.

Hachimanyama is home to the Hachimanyama Shofukukai shopping district, which was established in 1955 and is home to 65 stores. It is also a place where many events are held and local residents can communicate with each other.

"Hachimanyama Station" opened in May 1918 as Matsuzawa Station of Keio Electric Railway and was renamed it 19 years later in September 1937. Later, the station was renovated to its current form in conjunction with the construction of the new Loop Route 8 road.

It has three kindergartens, one small school, and a middle school. In addition to that, there are three supermarkets, three children's hospitals, and four parks.

This makes "Hachimanyama" a good place to raise children.

By Rio Hujimoto, Maki Honoka, Hayato Yokoyama, Seiya Yoneyama, Ikushi Kanamaru

### We want to make Shimotakaido more exciting

# We want to make Shimotakaido more exciting!!

"What kind of town is Shimotakaido?"

Shimotakaido is the name of an area with a population of approximately 20,000 located in the southern part of Suginami Ward. The area is 50 hectares, about 10 times the size of Tokyo Dome, and there are 11,318 households.

There many are festivals, such as the Shikinen Matsuri (ceremonial annual festival) held once every five years, and the "Daisakura Matsuri" (cherry blossom festival), which is enjoyed by families and local residents alike. There are also many other events throughout the year, making it a community that can be enjoyed by all kinds of people.

### "How Shimotakaido became Shimotakaido."

There are two theories as to the origin of Shimotakaido.

The first is that the area where farmers moved to when the

Tamagawa Waterworks was constructed was named "Naka-Takaido Village" and was divided into three parts: Upper, Middle and Lower, of which the lower part was named Takaido Village.

Second is the name "Takaido" was changed to "Takaido" in the name of the Fudo (immovable object) Takaido at Sogenji Temple.

#### "Connection to Shinjuku"

The history of Shimotakaido dates back to the Edo period (1603-1867), when it was the first post town of Takaido Juku on the Koshu Kaido, one of the five highways starting from Nihonbashi.

Because the distance from Nihonbashi to Takaidojuku was as long as 4 ri (16 km), the town was newly built in front of Shimotakaido,

A new inn (nijuku) was built in front of Shimotakaido, which is now Shinjuku.

#### Advantages and Disadvantages.

The good point is that it takes only 10 minutes to get to Shinjuku station without transferring. Furthermore, rent is inexpensive in spite of the convenient transportation. Another attractive point is that the area is very safe, with a crime rate of 0.58%. These good points may be the reason why many households with children live here. One area for improvement is the proximity to

the main road, which causes noise and exhaust gas problems. The railroad crossing at the station is called a "dead crossing," and it sometimes does not open for up to 40 minutes. This is very inconvenient when you are in a hurry.

### The first is "HEIM coffee & bistro".

The first store is HEIM coffee & bistro. As the name suggests, it is a famous coffee and bistro store, famous not only for its coffee, but also for its pudding, black sesame banana toast, four kinds of cheese toast, cheesecake, chai, and other toasts.

On Instagram, the owner wrote, "The atmosphere is moderately inorganic and warm, and the store is too cozy. The sun shining in on a nice day is perfect.

You can recharge your batteries, and the pastries and coffee are delicious while you work.

It is a good place to relax or do some work.

Why don't you spend a blissful moment in the calm space of "HEIM coffee & bistro"?

The second restaurant is "Abura~tei. This restaurant is famous for its abura-soba noodles, which are thick and rich in flavor, and are gaining popularity.

In addition to abura-soba, fried rice and gyoza with shiso are also delicious and popular.

A word of mouth on Instagram says, "The restaurant is getting old,

but the cheerful and energetic voices of the wait staff echo through the restaurant. They serve boiled eggs to customers who wait a while to enter the restaurant, and their customer service is quite good." The atmosphere is very friendly, and the restaurant is easy to go to. We hope you will try the delicious abura-soba at Abura tei. *Summary*.

Shimotakaido has many undiscovered attractions. Please visit Shimotakaido and see for yourself.



This is a Shimotakaido Station/ Photo by Hitomi Nakajima

By Sumire Hamada,
Riho Hyasi,
Rui Haruna,
Yuki Minegisi,
Junpei Mino,
Yuna Miyata,
Ayaka Anami,
Yuzuno Urai,
Kanon Eguchi,
Kei Otani,
Yua Kanenari,

Norihiro Kamesawa

#### Our areas NEWS

Published by a group of 43 students of Nihon University Sakuragaoka high school, in cooperation with the not-for-profit Global Education Information Center(GEIC) .

Publisher: Nihon University Sakuragaoka high school

Project Supervisers : Class 7 homeroom teacher Tomiko Kasai

Editor: Hitomi Nakajima, Yo Matsuda, Hibiki Kawahito, Yuki Minegisi

Contributing Editors: Ayano Usukura

Staff Writers: Mizuki Endo, Gaiya Ota, Hibiki Kawahito, Koyori Kurihara, Ririka Shidara, Ami Suzuki, Hitomi Nakazima, Haruto Nisi, Yo Matuda, Jiei Mano, Kaichi Itagaki, Genki Uchida, Masanosuke Kawakami, Sota Kosugi, Aruku Wada, Yuma Kobayashi, Koki Saito, Yota Sako, Iria Suwa, Rento Serikawa, Ayano Takeshita, Yusaki Sato, Mikina Shigeno, Yuna Tubokawa, Shunka Dohi, Mei Naiki, Sumire Hamada, Riho Hyasi, Rui Haruna, Yuki Minegisi, Junpei Mino, Yuna Miyata, Rio Hujimoto, Maki Honoka, Hayato Yokoyama, Seiya Yoneyama, Ikushi Kanamaru Ayaka Anami, Yuzuno Urai, Kanon Eguchi, Kei Otani, Yua Kanenari, Norihiro Kamesawa Contact: 3-24-22, Sakurajosui, Setagaya Ward, Tokyo, Japan, 156-0045

URL: https://www.sakura.chs.nihon-u.ac.jp/